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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 3654  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner continues to reject claims 1-3 and 5-8 under § 102 based on Hitomi (U.S. Patent No. 5,161,750). Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is entirely improper for the following reasons.

In the last response, Applicants argued that Hitomi does not teach or suggest an auxiliary operating member, for auxiliary winding the fishing line on the spool, provided at a position in